



## #2: *When Bad Things Happen*

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October 25, 2015 Kemptville CRC  
“...WHY, O Lord?”

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- A recent article claims that most teens who walk away from faith do so because of something related to suffering. Agree? Disagree? What's your experience?
  - Choosing to evict God
    - then everything just IS
    - meaning questions about good & evil become \_\_\_\_\_
    - does this seem more or less satisfying to you?
  - Coming to Communion
    - remembering Christ our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16; Philippians 2:8) (How does Communion do this for you? Can you recall a time when it proved particularly powerful?)
    - confronting us with God's passion for those who suffer (Rom 8:11&32)
    - discuss the hope found in “Christ has died, is risen, and will come again”
  - Remember Eternity
    - our sufferings now compared to what is ahead (Romans 8:18; Eph 1:18)
  - Perhaps we'll get.... NO answer
    - Saints in glory (Revelation 6:10)
    - Job & his friends
  - A Knotty problem
    - Wheat & weeds tangled together (Matthew 13:24-30)
    - God CAN bring good from suffering & evil (Psalm 119:71; Genesis 50:20)... can you think of examples where you saw this happen?
  - Life is complicated
    - Joseph / Moses / Peter / Paul: think of how the Bible shows victory, but ALSO struggle in their lives
    - Permission to cry: Psalm 13, 43, 102... can you find others?
    - Even preachers cry: Habakkuk 1:2
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